Postmaster Gives Tips On Christmas Mailing

The nation's chief "mailman" — Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield — gave some tips today on how to mail for Christmas.

At the same time, he urged mail patrons to start planning now to shop early and mail early for Christmas.

Mail patrons may obtain for the first time this Christmas season a free copy of an especially helpful new booklet that should make the Christmas mail burden easier.

This is the illustrated pamphlet, "Packaging and Wrapping Parcels For Mailing." The pamphlet, first announced by the Post Office Department on October 7, describes the type and sizes of cartons best suited for shipping, and lists hints that will help with special Christmas mailing problems, such as shipping chinaware. Copies are available free at post offices.

Right packing, right wrapping and right addressing are the three keys to easy and trouble-free Christmas mailing, Mr. Summerfield noted.

Detailed packaging instructions may be obtained easily from the packaging and wrapping pamphlet. But, Mr. Summerfield did have a few do's and don't to offer, as follows:

Don't go for flimsy light cardboard and paper boxes in packaging your Christmas presents for the mail.

Do pick strong containers in good condition. An empty corrugated fiberboard box of the type that may be found in your neighborhood grocery is good for mailing gifts, for example, if it is rigid and undamaged. Be sure the container is the right size: if it is too large, the contents are apt to shift in transit; if too small, an overstuffed carton may burst in shipping. If necessary, cut your container down to fit the contents.

Cushioning material, such as excelsior, shredded newspapers or tissue paper, should be evenly and firmly placed on all sides of the gift item. Two or more inches of such covering is the minimum.

Do wrap the package properly.

The cartin should be wrapped in heavy brown paper and tied with a strong twine.

Articles of a delicate nature, such as glass, china, electrical appliances, musical instruments and radios, must be marked "Fragile" by the mailer. Food stuffs should be marked "Perishable," if subject to spoilage.

Don't depend on flimsy wrapping paper and sticky adhesive materials alone to keep the package intact.

Also, don't mark the wrapping with unnecessary wording. For example, "Do not Delay," is superfluous. "Rush" does not properly belong on a parcel. If it is desired to expedite delivery of a parcel, use special handling or special delivery service.

Do address plainly and properly, using postal zone numbers where available. Addresses should be printed in ink o ytyped, and a return address should appear on every parcel, no matter how near or far it may be going.

The proper place for the return address, incidently, is the upper left hand corner of the parcel—not on the back, side, or one of the other corners.

Don't put the address on in handwriting. Your handwriting may be legible to you, but it may give someone else trouble. Hand print or type the address. And don't put the address in unusual or obscure places.

As a general rule, firearms, liquors and animals may not be mailed (with certain exceptions to specially authorized shippers). The average Christmas mailer can just put it down that these are taboo, as are poisons and explosives.

The overwhelming bulk of Christmas mail will be by parcel post, of course, and it should be remembered that size and weight limits vary, depending upon the post office of mailing and the post office of address.

Books may be sent at a special low rate of postage, but mailers must not enclose other articles with books at this rate.

Also, as a final tip, Mr. Summerfield advised mail patrons to register valuable packages containing items such as jewelry and money. Insure other packages.

This Christmas, Mr. Summerfield also noted, another mail service is available to mail patrons.

This is the certified mail service, which provides certain advantages of registered mail at less cost. This service may not be used for items of intrinsic value, such as merchandise. Checks, savings bonds, and gift certificates may be sent by certified mail, however.

The fee for this service is 15 cents in addition to postage at the first-class rate.

A record of delivery of certified mail is maintained and the sender may obtain proof of delivery, if desired.

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WASHINGTON NOTES

WORLD WHEAT CROP

The Agriculture Department estimates world wheat production during 1955 at 7,315,000,000 bushels, or 6 per cent above 1954. Canada is said to have a near record crop, while East European production may be up 5 per cent. Western European wheat production is thought to be about the same as in 1954, while Australian production may reach 200,000,000 as compared with 167,000,000 bushels last year. South American, Asian and African estimates are all for lower harvests than last season.

PANAMA CANAL

The net income of the U. S. Government-owned Panama Canal Company for the year ending June 30 showed a decrease from $4,160,000 to $581,134 during the fiscal year. The lower earning were attributed primarily to lower gross revenues as a result of reduced traffic volume of U. S. Government vessels, increase in wages and interest rates and employee benefits granted by Congress.

G. O. P. '56 AIR TIME

The Repubilcan National Committee has announced plans to sign contracts soon with the major radio and television networks for $2,000,000 in campaign broadcast time. By making the arrangements so far in advanse, the Committees hopes to save the cost of "pre-empting" time a few days before a broadcast.

FLOOD LOSS

Floods in the northeastern United States during August killed 179 persons, seriously injured 6,992, destroyed 813 homes and caused damages estimated at almost $500,000,000. The State of Conectnicut suffered the greatest loss, in material wealth, estimated at $215,245,004. Pennsylvania led in the number of lives lost, 88, with Connecticut following with 77.

CONSUMER DEBTS UP

In the second quarter of this year, Americans borrowed $500,000,000 more than they saved or invested, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which attributed this to the "exceeding large sales" of autos bought on time. Consumer debt rose by a record $2,500,000,000 during the April-June period, while Americans saved or invested $1,700,000,000. Mortgage debt—a separate item— rose by $3,300,000,000 during the same three months.

U. S. BANKS

A total of 14,350 banks were operating in the United States as of June 30 this year, or 157 fewer than a year earlier, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The decrease in number was due mainly to the "consolidation of existing banks," which has been the trend in recent years. Deposits of all banks totaled $210,000,000,000, 5 per cent higher than on June 30, 1954. Demand deposits, mainly individual, business and governmental checking accounts, at $132,000,000,000, were 4 per cent above the mid-1954 total. Total time deposits, largely saving accounts, rose 6 per cent during the twelve mo $78,000,000,000.

WORLD CORN CROP

World production of co 1955-56 season appears to a new record, according Agriculture Department. nary world production fo 6,060,000,000 bushels ly exceed the previous 1948 and would be abou cent above 1953-54. Bra acreage has been officially as 44,000,000, a four-fold over 1954.

PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income is set a record annual rate 500,000,000, the gover cently disclosed. The figure 000,000,000 higher than set in August and almost 000,000 above that for 1954. All major types of registered gains in Septe was reported.

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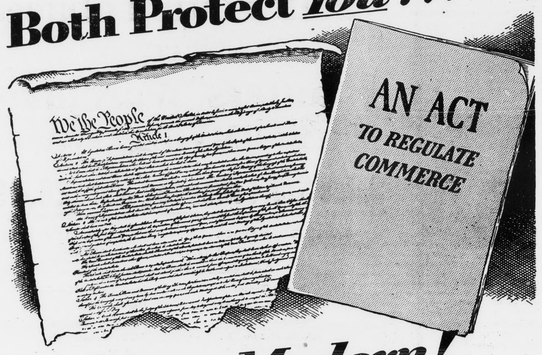

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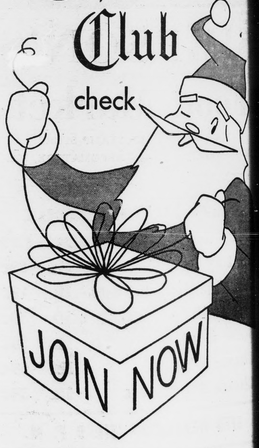

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Sunday Scripture: Luke 8:1-21;
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Colonial Williamsburg Plans Christmas Week Celebration

Christmas in Williamsburg is not celebrated as one holiday, but rather a fortnight of festivities, featuring the Yuletide traditions of George Washington's day.

There was no tinsel, brightly lighted Christmas trees, or Santa Claus in colonial homes. But undoubtedly "visions of sugar plums" danced in small heads, for there was plenty of gaiety, hospitality and joyous song. The colonial Virginia capital and nearby plantations bustled with rounds of visiting, feasting, pageantry and balls.

In this picturesque community, which appears now much as it did in the 1700's, visitors are warmly welcomed to join local citizens in the Christmas festivities. The historic restored capital dons its holiday dress a week before Christmas, and the colorful traditions of 200 years ago, planned on a community-wide scale, continue through New Year's Day.

During Yuletide, Williamsburg is a nostalgic Christmas card come to life. There are scenes of green garlanded doorways, bright holly trees in the courtyards, colonial costumed carolers before candlelit windows, and roaring fires and hot spiced punch in the restored taverns.

Music is planned for every voice and ear. Special Christmas carol services are held in all the churches, and carolers stroll from house to house. There is community singing on the public greens, at the Lodge and Chowning's Tavern, and traditional folk singing and Christmas concerts by choral groups. In the handsome ballroom of the Governor's Palace, a special candlelight concert is held.

The doors of several historic buildings are opened wide in hospitality, and the only one who does not appear for "Mr. Whythe's Christmas Party" is the scholarly host himself, who entertained young Jefferson 200 years ago. A string ensemble brightly costumed in silks and satins plays in the parlor, and refreshments are served in the garden. On Christmas afternoon the Apollo Room of the Raleigh Tavern once again upholds its motto: "Jollity, the Offspring of Wisdom and Good Living," when guests stream into Open House with its festive board of holiday sweets and eggnog.

Carrying out a time-honored Yuletide institution, children of the community form the "Singing Candles" procession which begins the unique "white lighting" of Williamsburg. Starting before the imposing gates of the Palace, the children proceed down the Palace Green in candlelight procession through the restored area to the Williamsburg Inn. Symbolically, they carry the flame to their homes as candles are lit in all the windows along famous Duke of Gloucester Street as they pass by.

The tradition of the Yule Log which burned in baronial halls in Engaind was brought to this country and today's guests in Williamsburg are invited to join in the spirited search for the gaily decorated log several days before Christmas. On Christmas Eve the Yule Log ceremony is performed at Chowning's and the Lodge where everyone throws a sprig of holly on the blaze for good luck. Afterwards, the guests taste of the "wassail" from an immense bowl.

One of the traditions of Christmas Eve is the lighting of the community Christmas tree. This ceremony is performed near the colonial home where, according to tradition, the first Christmas tree in Virginia was lighted.

It was in the St. George Tucker house in Williamsburg, during the early part of the 19th century, that a political exile from Germany is said to have introduced the Christmas tree in Virginia. As a visitor in the Tucker home, Dr. Charles Frederick Ernest Minnigerode, a professor of Latin and Greek at the College of William and Mary, suggested decorating an evergreen tree with ornaments and lights, long the custom in his country When the evergreen was placed in the study, he delighted the children of the family by decking it with bright paper ornaments and candle stubs wired to the branches. The children invited their friends in to see their first Christmas tree, and they all sang carols and listened to tales Dr. Minnigerode told of Christmas in Germany. Each year the Tucker family and their descendants have observed this custom in the old house while outside across the green children carry candles to the Community tree—a signal for it to be lit.

The old buildings of the city are decked with garlands of greens and wreaths decorated with cones and holly berries grace the doorways. Over the city the great "lanthorns" in the cupolas of the Governor's Palace, the Capital, and the Wren Building of the College of William and Mary shine out the message that Williamsburg is in a holiday mood.

JAIL MADE MUSEUM

Wiscasset, Maine.- For more than 30 years the massive, granite-walled Lincoln County jail has been empty of prisoners. So, the Lincoln County Cultural Historical Association obtained the building for $1 by consent of the State Legislature and has fitted it up as a museum and repository of local historical material.

NEW ENGINE TOO LATE

Chester, Vt.- The main mill of the Vermont Mineral Products, Inc., was destroyed by fire recently, with a loss estimated at $50,000, while the town's brand-new fire engine sat on a railroad flatcar in nearly Gassetts.

Health and Beauty

It seems the easiest thing in the world to feed a baby. Then you start to do it and that is the end of that idea. You never know whether the baby is taking the food too fast or if he is getting enough.

Most adults don't realize that one must learn to swallow solid foods. It is not as simple and natural as breathing. A new baby must learn new uses of his tongue and throat muscles when he first begins to eat finely-strained baby foods.

Patience is the key to dealing with children and babies. This is doubly true during the first weeks of learing. Some babies learn faster than others. You must help the baby learn to eat without forcing him.

It is best to introduce new foods one at a time and in very small amounts. A new flavor or a new texture most often meets with resistance on the part of the baby. Don't worry, however, he will become used to new things and will accept them. It is usually a slow process.

Never try to force new foods on him—simply introduce it again the next day. Another good suggestion is to offer new foods at the beginning of the meal, when the baby is hungry, rather than when his appetite is satisfied.

Be very careful when feeding a baby. Their mouths are tender and easily bruised. When the baby is a little older, his gums may irritate him and here again patience is important. Be careful during feeding that you do not strike a tender spot where a new tooth is about to come through.

Your body contains an amazing assortment of different minerals. Two of them are well known to most of us. Iron for rich, healthy blood and calcium for strong bones and teeth are quoted so much that they have become tired, old phrases.

We hear so often about the need for these minerals that we are likely to think our needs begin and end with them. However, they are only two of the more than 20 different minerals that are bound up in the complex chemistry of our bodies. At least 15 of these minerals perform essential functions. The rest are found in such small amounts that they probably serve no purpose at all. Scientists tell us that these rarer elements may function in ways that are as yet unknown. For example, no reason has been found for the speck of aluminum found in the brain. With radioactive tracers it may be possible to track down this subatance and determine if it is one of the things that spark our mental processes.

The amazing thing about the minerals found in our bodies is that even though there is barely a handful of them, many of them are necessary for life. A good example of this is that a minute quantity of calcium keeps the heart beating regularly and steadily.

The vital role of iodine has long been understood. There is scarcely enough of it in the body to cover the head of a pin. Without this tiny amount a person would be a dwarfed, stupid creature known as a cretin.

Doctors and scientists believe that the minerals in our body have much to do with keeping us in tip-top physical condition. They tell us that, unless we have some deficiency, the best way to be sure you are getting the proper amount of minerals is to eat a well - balanced diet.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Marion, Wis.- Not too long ago a town ordinance was passed prohibiting dogs from running loose. It seems, however, that since the dogs have been controlled, the rabbit population has increased so rapidly that rabbits are more of a problem than the dogs were. The rabbits are damaging more garden stuff and shrubbery than the dogs ever did.

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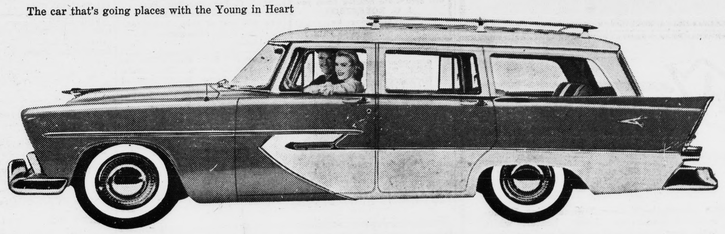

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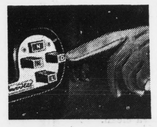

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